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on the occasion of the
Implementation Protocol for the
Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) – Sudan
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at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

- Mr. Abdel Rahim Ali Hamad, State Minister of Agriculture and Forestry;
 - Prof. Elias Nyamlell Wakson, State Minister of International Cooperation;
 - Mr. William Hammink, USAID/Sudan Mission Director
 - Suleiman Mohamed FEWS NET East Africa Regional Representative for Chemonics International, Inc.;
 - Representatives of the ministries;
- The U.S. Government is very pleased today to be embarking on a partnership with the Government of National Unity in establishing the Famine Early Warning System Network in northern Sudan. This important partnership, which includes Chemonics as the implementing entity for FEWS NET, will support efforts to increase and improve food security monitoring and information dissemination throughout the fifteen states of northern Sudan.
 - FEWS NET will support data collection and data analysis regarding emerging and evolving food security issues in northern Sudan and will work closely with the Government of National Unity and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), through the Sudan Food Security Information for Action (SIFSIA), to support capacity building initiatives in the area of food security.
 - The FEWS NET program will benefit the government and people of Sudan by providing accurate, timely, and actionable information to
 - prevent hunger-related deaths;
 - decrease food insecurity; and
 - strengthen livelihoods in Sudan.
 - The Government of the United States of America looks forward to ongoing collaboration and cooperation with the Government of Sudan as well as with international partners.
 - Thank you all for coming to witness this signing ceremony for the Famine Early Warning System Network Implementation Protocol.

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